

## SCHEDULE

ליל שבת קדש

Candle Lighting 7:47 PM  
**Early Shabbos 7:00 PM**  
 Mincha & Kabalas Shabbos 7:46 PM

יום שבת קדש

Daf Yomi @Main Shul 7:30 AM

SHACHARIS

@Social Hall 7:00 AM

@Main Shul 8:30 AM

9:00 א"ת  
 Netz - 6:19 am | Sof Zman K"Z 9:45 - א"ת ג"א | Sof Zman Tefilah 10:53 - א"ת ג"א

Followed by Kiddush

Mincha 2:15 PM

Pirkei Avos 7:00 PM

Mincha 7:35 PM

Followed by Shalosh Seudos

Maariv / Havdala (50min) 8:54 PM

97/75 מזון האוויר בשבת\*  
 88/67 Ohel Moshe Weather

CANDLES NEXT  
 SHABBOS - 7:37 PM

### WEEKDAY TEFILOS

SHACHARIS

Sunday - 6:50 & 8:30

Monday & Thursday - 6:35 & 7:50

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday - 6:45 & 7:50

### MINCHA & MAARIV

Mincha Sunday- Thursday 1:45 PM

Mincha / Maariv Monday-Thursday 7:50 PM

Maariv Sunday-Thursday 9:50 PM

### LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

AM Daf Yomi - S/S/M - 7:30 AM ~ T-F - 5:45 AM

PM Daf Yomi - Sun.-Thu. 7:05 PM

Smichas Chaver Program - Sun. 9:30 AM

Daf Hashavua - Mon. & Wed. 9:00 PM

Holy Machlokes - Tuesday 9:00 PM

Breathing Life - Monday 9:10 PM

Begging For More - Tuesday 9:10 PM

Sefer Daniel with Rabbi Levi - Thu 9:00 PM



SEE THE SHIURIM PAGE FOR THE LATEST  
 NIGHT SEDER SPONSORED BY DONNY & MIRI ADLER  
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## SPONSORSHIPS

### KIDDUSH

@Hashkama

Sponsored by:

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@Main Minyan

Akiva and Deborah Shmidman

invite everyone to a Kiddush at Bais Haknesses Ohr Hachaim  
 (Rabbi Weiss's shul) after davening in honor of the  
 Bar Mitzvah of their son Reuven!

### SHALOSH SEUDOS

Sponsored by:

Moshe & Shoshana Kravitz

In honor of the engagement of Rochel Malka to Dovid Chait,  
 and in commemoration of the Yartzeit of Moshe's Bubby,  
 Esther Raizel bas Michel Yehudah.

To sponsor a future Kiddush or Shalosh Seudos email: [kiddush@ohelmoshebaltimore.com](mailto:kiddush@ohelmoshebaltimore.com)

To sponsor a future day of Learning or Davening email: [daven@ohelmoshebaltimore.com](mailto:daven@ohelmoshebaltimore.com)

## YOMIM NORAIM SEATS

TO REGISTER VISIT:  
[ohelmoshebaltimore.com/seats](http://ohelmoshebaltimore.com/seats)

Deadlines To Be Aware Of:

8/5 - 8/16 - Main Minyan Seating & Babysitting Registration Open For  
 Full/Supporting/Founding Members

8/5 - Netz Minyan Registration Open For All Members And Guests

8/17-8/18 - Main Minyan Registration Open To Member Affiliates As Well

8/19 - Registration For Both Minyanim Open To All Members And Guests

8/31 - Last Day For Babysitting Registration

## HOLY MACHLOKES!

Exploring Famous (and not so famous) Jewish Controversies

With Rabbi Levi

A new topic each week

For Men

**Tuesdays** at 9:00pm

At The Home Of Rocky & Bracha Caine  
 6800 Darwood Rd.



Week 1 was a great success!  
 The shiur will not meet this  
 week but join us when we  
 resume on  
 Tuesday August 24th!

## CONGREGATION OHEL MOSHE

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## RABBI'S MESSAGE:

### The Fruits of Our Labor

This week I had the privilege of visiting the farm of Mr. Avraham Yaakov, on the Moshav Matzliach, who will be the sole member in his Moshav observing this upcoming Shmitta all the laws of Sheviis, leaving his vast holdings of farmland fallow.

I asked him if he is excited at the possibility of a respite from all the toil and effort that goes into cultivating his crops. He responded that he would miss his intimate bond to the soil and earth, that is the conduit to G-d's constant blessing.

This touching expression of the connection between man's produce and his own personal growth, is much more than just an emotional one.

The Torah forbids when laying siege to a city to destroy the fruit bearing trees. The reason given for this injunction is: *Is the tree of the field a man, to go into the siege before you?*

The question is a rhetorical one – Is the tree a threat to you as if were a human? Certainly not! So why destroy it?

Yet, the thirteenth century kabbalist and rabbinic figure, Rav Menachem Recanati, translates the verse literally: Do not cut down a fruit bearing tree *since it is likened to a man!*

The Talmud teaches that one who chops down a fruit bearing tree, will suffer the loss of one's child. A tree receives its sustenance from above as we taught: *There is not a blade of grass that grows without a ministering angel dictating to it saying: grow!* The negation of that connection results in man's 'fruit' – becoming detached from its life force.

The Maharal teaches that man is likened to a tree, but there is one significant difference. A tree is rooted in the ground, its trunk embedded in earth and its branches rising upward laden with its fruits.

Man, though, is sourced in heaven. His mind is 'in the clouds', absorbed in a consciousness of his free-willed objective to represent the will of G-d in all his thought-out actions, with his hands and feet spreading out downward, implementing that noble goal in his earth directed deeds – an inverted tree.

When we remain mindful of this parallel, we preserve our right to thrive and promote the honor of Heaven in all we do.

The great Rosh HaYeshiva of Lakewood Yeshiva, Rav Aharon Kotler, who planted the notion of the primacy of Torah learning, in America, directs us to the halacha that states that when there is a weakened tree that that is in danger of falling, the Beis Din gives the owner thirty days to fix it.

This, he says, is the purpose of the month of Elul.

The Pnei Menachem, the previous Rebbe of Gur, points out four vital similarities between tree and man.

A food is defined as the fruit of a tree, rather than a vegetable from the earth, if the source that it grows from – its branch and root, remains from year to year, however if the root must regrow anew each year, it is then a fruit of the ground/earth.

A tree stands tall, distinct from vegetable that lays low on the ground.

A tree provides shade.

A tree branch may be 'layered' into the ground, regenerating new growth.

Even when we lack fruit, if the tree's roots continue to defy gravity in providing nutrients and moisture upwardly, there is hope for success.

Similarly, man must never allow his sap to wane, lest the tree wither away. Man must fight the natural forces that pull him down and nourish his soul with inspired growth.

As a tree stands tall, man must realize the elevated stature of his *neschama*, the privilege of reflecting through our *Tzelem Elokim*, the Divine Presence itself.

Our goal in life is to cast our 'shade', offering protection and dedication to others.

We must constantly regenerate new growth in our *avodah* and never be defeated by stagnation.

Each time I come to Eretz Yisrael, I am encouraged afresh.

The roots of Torah are thriving. The hustle and bustle of vacation, transforms to sounds of Torah emanating from all around, in the sudden and serene arrival of the new Elul zman.

The stark contrast of a community of those dedicating their lives to learning Torah, with the rest of society, is a study of a defiantly proud commitment to the pursuit of greatness and privilege to bask in the light of Torah and sense a closeness to G-d, that is found in Torah study alone.

Each time I learn of new initiatives, from assisting Shemitta observers in their heroic efforts, to promoting unity among the divergent groups in this society, and 'meshlichkeit' in general, a sense of remarkable concern for others is palpable.

The endless building of homes, yeshivos, and institutions of chessed, is clear evidence this remarkable tree continues to generate new life.

May we each examine the health of our 'tree'. There is still ample time to refresh its latent strength and produce sweet and exquisite fruit.

באהבה,  
צבי יהודה טייכמן

**WELCOME BACK RABBI  
TEICHMAN FROM YOUR VISIT  
"HOME"! WE HOPE NEXT TIME  
WE CAN ALL JOIN YOU THERE  
FOR GOOD!**

## MEMBER NEWS

!!!HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Shlomo Caplan, Adam Rabinowitz, Rachi Dickstein, Azi Rosenblum, Nava Kermaier, Yoni Herman, Temima Friedman, Tzipora Einbinder, Rena Bier, Eliezer Meth, Benjamin Moss, Menachem Meir Michael

!!!HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

Donny & Mimi Ancri, Naftali & Shani Benyowitz

!!!BAR/BAT MITZVAH PARSHA ANNIVERSARY!!!

Jorj Felder, Asriel Marizan, Rachi Dickstein

!!!BAR/BAT MITZVAH COMING UP SOON(ish)!!!

Ezra Grosberg (Bereishis)  
Gavriel Mirkin (Vayeshev)  
Yogi Weiskind (Vayechi)

To have your child's upcoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah listed here please email office@ohelmoshebaltimore.com with details and/or update your member profile.

Members: Please keep your profile updated in Shul Cloud so we can celebrate and commemorate all our important dates with you! (And occasionally save you from forgetting one!!)

Reuven Shmidman  
On his BAR MITZVAH!!

Mazel Tov to his parents,  
Akiva & Deborah,  
his grandparents Rabbi Dr.  
Michael & Linda Shmidman, and  
Uncle Dani & Aunt Ora Kermaier

Moshe & Shoshana Kravetz  
On the engagement of their  
daughter Rochel Malka to  
Dovid Chait from Queens!

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

(That have joined "recently" - sorry for not welcoming some of you earlier)

Hello  
my name is

Lawrence & Michelle Brazin - New Full Members

Justin & Adena Cohen - New Affiliate Members

Lion & Sara Sassoon - New Full Members

Nesanel Sokolow - New Full Member

Yitzchok & Yehudis Matitia - New Full Members

Elie & Shani Siegel - New Affiliate Members

Yechezkel Lewis - New Supporting Member

Yaakov & Aviva Gluck - New Full Members

Moshe & Aliza Zirkind - New Full Members